The Reserve Bank of India oversee lit. Scheme to ensure that guidelines issued by it are being adhered to by the public sector banks. The banks are also required to ensure that tho targets assigned to them for lending under DRI Scheme are met and the persons belonging to the weaker sections of the society, for whom th; Scheme has been designed, are able to avail of the benefits lihe scheme.

of Chairman jand Managing Director Public Sector Undertakings held by I.A.S. Officers

244S. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of FrNANCE be pleased to slate what are the names of public sector undertakings in which the top post$_s$ like that of Chairman and Managing Director are held by persons from I.A.S. Cadre or how long they are holding of these pests?

E MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): According available information the posts of Managing Director. Food Corporation of lndia and Managing Director, North; Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms pmenl Corporation are held by officers from TAS cadre on deputation and they are holding these posts from 16-8-1983 and I5-J2-198I respectively.

Withdrawal of Excise Duty $_0$n Ornaments

2449. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANIC- Will the Minister of FINANCE be olea>ed to state:

whether it is $_a$ fact that the excise HI ornaments have recently been withdrawn by Government; and

lb) if so, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MIMSTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Ornaments made of gold or silver manufactured by goldsmiths or silversmiths were already exempt *inter alia,* if in their manufacture no power is used. By a notification dated 1-8-1985 this exemption has been made unconditional.

(b) The latest decision will help large scale manufacture of ornaments and modernisation of the small scale units. preparing these units for greater participation :n the held of exports.

Unlicensed Cultivation of Opium

2450. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to briny forward a legislation to aap unlicensed cultivation of opium in ihe counlry, and

(b) if not, how d_0 Government pro pose to curb illegal cultivation of opium and to deal with the drug traffickers?

IHE MINISTER OF STATE IN THR MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. Cultivation of opium is permitted in notified tracts in the three poppy growi-i" states, names—Madhya Fradesh. Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan on the authority of licences issued in this behalf. Unlicensed cultivation of opium poppy Is an offence under the relevant Narcotic Laws. A draft comprehensive legislation on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances .*inter alia* providing deterrent punishment for drug offences including offences relating to unlicensed cultivation of opium poppy is at an advanced stage of finalisation for introduction in Parliament.

Additional Credit Facilities by Banks to Customers

2451. SHRl J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FTNANCF be pleased to state:

(IM if so. what are the details in this Reserve Bank had advised banks not to grant additional credit facilities to a customer already having credit limits with another bank; and

(b) If no, what are the details in this regard?